

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION adopting a Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy for municipal facilities, requesting City departments to undertake work related to implementation, and superseding Resolution 30121 which endorsed the 2000 Sustainable Building Policy.

WHEREAS, the City desires that its buildings and sites be models of environmental, economic and social stewardship, contributing to the City's goals of protecting, conserving and enhancing the region's environmental resources and setting a community standard of sustainable building; and

WHEREAS, the US Green Building Council estimates that, in the United States, buildings account for 65% of electricity consumption, 36% of energy use, 30% of all greenhouse gas emissions, 30% of raw materials use, 30% of waste output, and 12% of potable water consumption; and

WHEREAS, in Seattle, commercial buildings account for 30% of energy consumption and 15% of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, there is growing understanding of, and interest in, the role that sites play in meeting our sustainability objectives, as highlighted by the development of the Sustainable Sites Initiative nationally, and the Seattle Ideal Green Parks program locally; and

WHEREAS, the City owns and manages over seven million square feet of building space and over 6,000 acres of sites, including parks and plazas; and

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan includes environmental goals to protect and improve the quality and function of the City's air, land, and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City's Climate Protection goals include Seattle's intent to reduce our climate change impact, including reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other climate-changing greenhouse gases in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, more than 1000 cities, including Seattle, have signed the United States Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, which calls on cities to take actions in their own communities, including, among others, to reduce sprawl, to advocate for the development of renewable energy resources, to increase the use of clean, alternative energy, to improve building codes to make energy efficiency a priority, to evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems, and to promote sustainable building practices; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 30121, which was adopted by the Seattle City Council, with the Mayor concurring, in 2000, endorsed the City of Seattle's Sustainable Building Policy, which established sustainable building standards for city-developed buildings; and

WHEREAS, an evolving and expanding green building market, new data on the positive long-term financial impacts of green building, increased knowledge and urgency regarding the threat of climate change, and a desire to demonstrate leadership in green building highlight the need for updating the existing Sustainable Building Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy was developed by the Department of Planning and Development's City Green Building program through an interdepartmental committee including representatives from the Office of Sustainability and Environment, City Budget Office and all City departments with capital facilities; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy, presented in Attachment A to this Resolution, is hereby adopted.

Section 2. The directors of all City departments whose responsibilities include planning, financing, designing, constructing, operating, maintaining, renovating, or decommissioning City-owned or leased buildings or sites are responsible for ensuring that these facilities comply with the Sustainable Building and Sites Policy.

Section 3. The Department of Planning and Development's City Green Building program, in cooperation with the City's capital departments, is requested to develop resources to assist staff in establishing leases that support the goals of the Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy.

Section 4. The Department of Planning and Development's City Green Building program, in cooperation with Finance and Administrative Services and the City's capital departments, is requested to evaluate and update the City's Capital Green rating system to be applicable for use by all City departments.

1 Section 5. The Department of Planning and Development's City Green Building
2 program, in cooperation with the City's capital departments, is requested to develop cross-
3 departmental sustainable site management guidelines to assist departments in developing or
4 improving Best Management Practices for landscape design, construction, and maintenance, and
5 to facilitate consistently high performance City-wide. Guidelines should build on existing
6 landscape management documents prepared by the departments.

7 Section 6. Seattle Parks and Recreation is requested to evaluate their Ideal Green Parks
8 rating system to establish minimum scores for different project types by 2015.

9 Section 7. The Department of Planning and Development's City Green Building
10 program is requested to establish a Sustainable Buildings & Sites Steering Committee, with
11 expertise in the planning, financing, designing, constructing, operating, maintaining, renovating,
12 and decommissioning of buildings and sites, and consisting of representatives of the City Green
13 Building program and all the City's capital departments, to facilitate implementation of the
14 Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy.

15 Section 8. City capital departments are requested to provide annual reports to the
16 Department of Planning and Development's City Green Building program on the work of their
17 department to meet the Sustainable Building and Sites Policy, including but not limited to the
18 ongoing performance of improved facilities and related project costs and savings.

19 Section 9. By 2015, the Department of Planning and Development's City Green Building
20 program, in cooperation with the City's capital departments, is requested to conduct an
21 evaluation of, and develop updates to, the Sustainable Building and Sites Policy.

22 Section 10. Resolution 30121 is hereby superseded.
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Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2011, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day
of _____, 2011.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachment A: Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy